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Financing arrangements for the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo for the period from 1 July 2003 to 30 June 2004

Note by the Secretary-General

1. By its resolution 57/335 of 18 June 2003 on the financing of the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (MONUC), the General Assembly appropriated and apportioned among Member States a total amount of $608,228,150 gross ($593,628,914 net), inclusive of $582 million gross ($572,289,264 net) for the maintenance of the Mission for the period from 1 July 2003 to 30 June 2004, $20,083,850 gross ($15,558,650 net) for the support account for peacekeeping operations and $6,144,300 gross ($5,781,000 net) for the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy.

2. Subsequently, by its resolution 58/259 of 23 December 2003, the General Assembly appropriated the additional amount of $59,038,300 gross and net for the maintenance of MONUC for the same period. Based on the recommendation of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions contained in paragraph 55 of its report on the financing of MONUC (A/58/447 and Corr.1), the General Assembly did not apportion the additional amount of $59,038,300 among Member States. As shown in table 1 below, the total appropriation for the maintenance of MONUC for the 2003/04 financial period amounted to $641,038,300 gross ($631,327,564 net), of which an amount of $582 million gross ($572,289,264 net) has been apportioned among Member States.

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Table 1
Appropriation and apportionment for the 2003/04 period for the maintenance of MONUC

(In United States dollars)

	Gross	*Net*	*Staff assessment*
A. Appropriation			
Resolution 57/335	582 000 000	572 289 264	9 710 736
Resolution 58/259	59 038 300	59 038 300	-
Total	**641 038 300**	**631 327 564**	**9 710 736**
B. Apportionment			
Resolution 57/335	582 000 000	572 289 264	9 710 736
Resolution 58/259	-	-	-
Total	**582 000 000**	**572 289 264**	**9 710 736**
C. Difference (A less B)	59 038 300	59 038 300	-

3. As at 31 March 2004, expenditures incurred by MONUC amounted to $515,604,600 gross ($507,023,300 net), inclusive of unliquidated obligations in the amount of $203,584,800. This represents 80 per cent of the appropriation provided by the General Assembly for the maintenance of the Mission for the 2003/04 financial period. Based on the projected requirements for the April-June 2004 period, estimated at $125,433,700 gross ($122,367,500 net), it is anticipated that the Mission will fully utilize the appropriation of $641,038,300 provided by the General Assembly for its maintenance for the 2003/04 period. The projected full utilization of resources is primarily attributable to the full deployment of military contingents and resulting requirements for the reimbursement of troop-contributing Governments for troop costs, contingent-owned equipment and self-sustainment. As indicated in table 2 below, the amount of $59,038,300 gross ($57,101,536 net) represents the difference between the projected expenditures and amounts apportioned among Member States by the Assembly for the maintenance of MONUC for the 2003/04 period.

Table 2
Apportionment and projected expenditures for the 2003/04 period for the maintenance of MONUC

(In United States dollars)

	Gross	*Net*	*Staff assessment*
A. Projected expenditure	641 038 300	629 390 800	11 647 500
B. Apportionment	582 000 000	572 289 264	9 710 736
C. Difference (A less B)	59 038 300	57 101 536	1 936 764

4. In order to ensure timely reimbursement of troop-contributing Governments for troop costs, contingent-owned equipment and self-sustainment, payment of mission subsistence allowance to military observers, civilian police and international civilian staff, as well as to meet payroll costs and contractual obligations for the acquisition of equipment and for services rendered to MONUC, it is essential that the Mission be provided with sufficient cash resources.

5. **The General Assembly is therefore requested:**

(a) To apportion among Member States the amount of $59,038,300 for the period from 1 July 2003 to 30 June 2004;

(b) To set off against the apportionment among Member States their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated additional staff assessment income of $1,936,764, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955.